

## HUBER'S CASINO BURNED; POLICE SAVE FOUR LIVES

Fire Also Destroys Pastime  
A. C., Concourse Stables  
and Other Buildings.

TWO FIREMEN INJURED.

Home for Friendless Children  
in Danger—Inmates Stand  
at Entrances an Hour.

A \$100,000 fire destroyed Huber's Casino, the Pastime Athletic Club and the old Concourse Stables at One Hundred and Sixty-second Street and Jerome Avenue, the Bronx, at 2 o'clock this morning. The blaze could be seen almost from the Battery, attracting thousands of persons from all sections.

Ernest Kolberg, his wife, Marie, and their two boys, Ernest Jr., fifteen, and Alvin, twelve, who occupied a two-story frame building near the Casino, were rescued by the police after the flames had spread to their home.

The 250 inmates of the Home for Friendless Children, diagonally across Jerome Avenue, were lined up near the entrances when it appeared the flames would spread to their building. They stood calmly for more than an hour on completing the evolutions of their fire drill, while attendants manned the hose outside. The direction of the wind saved the home.

Thirty blooded horses were saved from the stables, which were run by Robert H. Clark. Among them were Robert Patch and Oakland Boy, blue ribbon trotters belonging to the stable of Col. "Chicago" Murphy, and Herman Bitt, owned by W. C. Minor, section of the Little Church Around the Corner. The reserves got all the fine horses, as well as the carriages and automobile from the stable.

FAMOUS ROADHOUSE BEFORE  
AUTOS WERE KNOWN.

The Casino was famous for years and the rendezvous of millionaires and turfmen, was unoccupied. The place had seen few prosperous days since the automobile became popular.

It was a three-story building, and fifteen feet to the north was the home of the Pastime Athletic Club, while north of this were the stables. Sergeant Bender of the Highbridge Station was the first to see the blaze. Battalion Chief Poling sent in a second alarm, and Deputy Chief Sloan, when he arrived, a third. This brought Chief Kenlon from Great Jones Street in his red automobile in twelve minutes.

A high wind from the south sent sparks over a wide area as flames shot several hundred feet in the air. Residents of that section were ready and automobiles from the stable.

Two firemen, caught by debris, badly scorched.

While firemen Foody and Keller of Engine Company No. 63 were at work near the dance hall it collapsed. They were buried for a moment in debris and sparks. When they worked their way out the hose had escaped them and was "snaking" under the pressure of the water. They were treated for burns and bruises by Department Surgeon Archer and sent to quarters.

Although the wind blew sparks for blocks and it was so cold the spray froze on the firemen, the crowd grew until all the police reserves who could be spared were needed to keep it out of danger.

In the Pastime Athletic Club were lost all its trophies in addition to the paraphernalia. All the burned buildings were of frame, and went quickly.

Ernest Kolberg was caretaker of the Casino. When Policemen Berger and O'Hara saw his home was burning, escape for the family by the stairs was cut off. Berger climbed the porch support and entered the bedroom on the second floor. Kolberg, blinded by smoke, was trying to help his wife and two children. Berger assisted them to the veranda and they were swung from there to waiting arms on the ground below, with hose and buckets, but the fact were put out of commission by the fire.

A TIP.  
A Plaza waiter has lost—and found—one of his bank books. This one showed deposits of \$25,000.



## "No Beautiful Woman Ever Was Dancer; Never Saw Dancer Who Was Beautiful;" Declares Spanish "Queen of Castanets"

La Argentina, Otherwise  
Mme. Paz, Is Court Per-  
former, but She Is a  
Native of South Ameri-  
ca, Hence Her Name—  
She Wears no Jewels  
and Does Not Talk of  
Kings She Conquered.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

The greatest Spanish dancer in the world has arrived in New York City, and the first thing she told me was that she is not Spanish at all, but Latin-American. Hence her name—the name of her native land—La Argentina.

She entered New York in disguise, for on the register of the Hotel Astor, where she is staying, she is inscribed simply as Mme. Paz. And in the slender, bright-eyed, brown-haired young woman seen occasionally about the hotel no one has recognized the official court dancer of Spain, the inspiration and model of Sorolla and Zuloaga—La Argentina—music of the eyes, as Anatole France has hailed her.

The man in the street, however, whether the street be in Madrid or Berlin or Paris or Petrograd, calls her the "Queen of Castanets."

"In Spain I do not dare say I am American," La Argentina confided. "If I do say it they will not permit it. They insist that I shall be Spanish," the dancer added in that delightful Spanish-French which sounds as if it had been thickened with a little flour—French with a cream sauce, if you like. "How do you know I was here? You see, I do not make my debut until Feb. 10 and I intend to be so quiet and not too much written about, so that New York would not expect too much of me and then be disappointed."

"I wanted to let my dancing be the first introduction to the people of New York. But I have met many women of New York already. For, earlier this week, I danced at the Colony Club before about 300 members. This was at the request of Mrs. Lydig and was a private affair. But those gracious ladies gave me more courage for my debut. My coming to New York is my own venture. I have taken the Maxine Elliott Theatre for my recital. And it is I alone who will pay the little Symphony Orchestra which will co-operate with me. Zuloaga has designed my costumes and my stage settings. He has painted me many times.

"And do you not recognize me from the many pictures that were in the great Sorolla exhibition you had here a few years ago? Sorolla says he found his type in me."

SHE'S AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE  
OF NEW YORKERS.

"Perhaps you think this is my first visit to New York?" La Argentina added mischievously, "but I am an old resident, for the statue that Prince Paul Troubetzkoy made of me was bought by Mr. Archer Huntington for the Hispanic Museum, and I am part of the permanent exhibition there."

"My dancing is not the Spanish dancing of music halls. It is not all shaking of the head and stamping of the feet like this"—she illustrated graphically and disdainfully the typical Spanish dance as we had known it—"as I have no set dance, no set steps. I originate everything. I have tried to do for the real dancing of Spain what Granados in Goyescas has done for Spanish music. I am proud to say that the music of two of the dances I shall give here Granados composed especially for me. I hope New York will like me. What do you think?"

She thought that it would be difficult not to like La Argentina if her dancing is at all like herself. With her simple white silk shirtwaist and black skirt, her untanned face, her hair dressed in the high Spanish fashion, she looked more unlike the "Queen of Castanets" than you would believe possible. In the past, whenever I have met Spanish dancers, they disported to me of kings they had conquered and displayed emeralds and diamonds which they inherited had once reposed in royal coffers until lavished upon their beauty and allurements.

La Argentina wore no jewels. She did not talk about kings, except to say that she had danced by command at La Granza several times before King Alfonso and Queen Victoria. But greatest novelty of all, she introduced her husband, Señor Paz, a young man with rosiest manners who accompanied her to New York. A husband is the last thing one expects to find in the apartment of a European artist, anyhow.

I told La Argentina of those other Spanish dancers I had met in New York. "Dancers?" she shrugged, and each arched eyebrow half an inch further in interrogation. "Beautiful women, yes, but dancers? No! I have never seen a beautiful woman who was a dancer. I have never seen a dancer who was a beautiful woman, either! Oh, no!"

NOT LIKE ONE OF THOSE "NO-BODY HOME" BEAUTIES.  
But I really thought so. I suppose no two persons mean the same thing



## AMERICAN HERO WON SERBIAN HONORS FOR PERILOUS AUTO TRIP

Made Dash of 300 Miles for  
Gasoline to Supply Ambu-  
lances at Nish.

An American hero who won a Serbian war decoration for making a wild dash from Nish to Salonica for gasoline for the ambulance corps of which he was a member, arrived to-day on the French Line steamship Chicago.

He is Glen R. Bell of Denver, a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city. After the retreat of the Serbian army from Nish, his corps found itself largely useless because the fuel for its ambulances had given out. He volunteered to go with his car the 300 miles to Salonica for gasoline. He made the dangerous journey successfully for which he received a Cross of Merit.

Bell came home by way of Vienna. He describes conditions in Austria as rather worse than those existing in Serbia.

"The food question in Austria, even in Vienna, is very pressing," he said. "One is intensely impressed while there of the horrors of war. There are positively no men visible of fighting age. The work is done by women and children entirely."

"After one has stayed any length of time in Serbia the impression is strong that the invading Bulgarians are not in sympathy with the war. At heart a Bulgarian regards a Serbian as a brother. They fraternize with the Serbs."

"Nevertheless it was the Bulgarians who defeated the Serbs. The Germans could not have done it."

Bell went out with the expedition which Prof. Pupin recruited. He expects to return to Serbia.

On the Chicago was also M. H. Lines, one of the Dartmouth students who served with the American Ambulance in Northern France and Belgium.

"The Chicago was two days' late in arriving, due to continuous rough weather."

## FOE OF SLAVERY IS DEAD.

Alba Honeywell, Associate of Phillips, Once New York Editor.

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 5.—Alba Honeywell, who was associated with Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison and others in opposing slavery, died last night at his home in Danville, Ill. He was born in 1821 in Cayuga county, New York, and early became interested in anti-slavery agitation. He studied law, and after going to New York City became editor of the New York Eagle. Later he was associate editor of the New York Slavery Standard. In his home in Danville, where he engaged in newspaper work, Mr. Honeywell owned 2,000 acres of land in Indiana and Illinois.

## BURGLARS ROB SAFE OF \$300

Lawrence Street Provision Store Entered With Duplicate Keys.

The provision store of Hugo Nagel at No. 117 Lawrence Street was entered last night by burglars, who took apart and stole \$300.

The police believe that a man and a woman who recently made repeated visits of inspection to the apartment over the store made up impressions of the keys of the apartment, from which there is access to the store.

## SENATOR THOMPSON SUBPOENAS ALL BOOKS OF ANDREW FREEDMAN

Wants to Get Further Light  
on Bonus Voted to Pres-  
ident Shonts.

All books and accounts of the estate of Andrew Freedman, who died two months ago, have been sent for by the Thompson investigating committee. They are to be brought in for examination on Monday. Subpoenas were issued to that effect to-day by Senator George F. Thompson, Chairman. They were directed to Samuel Untermeyer, Walter G. Oakman and the Guaranty Trust Company, executors of the Freedman estate.

The name of Andrew Freedman was brought into the inquiry yesterday by Secretary Horace M. Fisher of the Interborough Company when he was trying to explain how the extra award of \$125,000 to President Shonts for his "extraordinary special services" in putting across the subway extension contracts had been increased to \$150,000 at a directors' meeting held later.

Counsel Colby asked Secretary Fisher again and again for the name of the director who voted the increase in the award. Mr. Fisher denied that he could remember the name of that director of the Interborough. The question was repeated. Mr. Fisher said he believed; yes, he felt quite sure that it was the late Andrew Freedman who moved the increase.

Experts were busy last night and to-day scrutinizing the books of the Interborough Company, and of the Gillespie Company, and other engineering firms that had to do with putting through the subway extensions, and it is possible that certain entries will be more fully understood after examining Mr. Freedman's books.

The testimony of one dead man, Gardner M. Lane, brought out by George W. Young in the shape of a letter which he reluctantly produced on the witness stand, was an important factor in revealing the \$125,000 slush fund President Shonts wanted to raise for "certain commitments" in the subway extension job.

## WAR 'VET' OF FIGHTING FAMILY IS DEAD

A. T. Lydecker, Once of the Famous Ellsworth Zouaves,  
Succumbs Here.

Albert Theodore Lydecker, veteran of the Civil War, died last night at his residence, No. 64 West One Hundred and Sixteenth Street, at the age of ninety-one. Mr. Lydecker was descended from a well known Dutch family, members of which fought in the War of the Revolution and every other war in which the United States has engaged since.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Lydecker was among the first to volunteer, leaving his birthplace at Nyack to join the Ellsworth Zouaves. He fought throughout the war, taking part in many of the most important battles. At the close of the war he settled in New York.

Mr. Lydecker was engaged in making musical instruments for many years. He was married three times, and is survived by a granddaughter, Miss Florence R. Angeline. He was a member of Noah L. Farnum Post, No. 458, G. A. R. The funeral services will be held Monday at Merritt's undertaking establishment, No. 2343 Eighth Avenue, and the body will be buried in Nyack.

## MRS. FURST PREPARES TO FIGHT DIVORCE SUIT

Her Lawyer Files Notice of Ap-  
pearance—Husband Has Not  
Filed Discontinuance.

Although Arnold S. Furst, wealthy attorney of No. 565 Park Avenue, has declared that the filing of a suit for divorce against Mrs. Nancy Ashton Furst, society barefoot dancer, was a mistake, apparently Mrs. Furst does not view the suit in that way. In the Supreme Court to-day A. Jocelyn H. Magrath filed notice of his appearance as Mrs. Furst's attorney.

According to the usual custom, appearances are filed only when a defendant intends to defend an action. While no statement could be obtained from Mr. Magrath, it is believed that Mrs. Furst plans to contest any action that may be brought.

When the divorce suit report became public early this week Mr. Furst declared he was sorry he had caused his wife pain by linking her name with that of Edward L. Tinker, a wealthy lawyer, and he would immediately order his attorneys to discontinue the suit. Up to date no discontinuance has been filed.

## THIS "DEAD" TRAIN LAST.

John Becker, an "L" motorman living at No. 332 Lull Place, Evergreen, L. I., was run over by a train at one of the crossings at Thirty-sixth Street and Eighth Avenue last night. He will die.

Becker had just brought a "dead" Ninth Avenue train north and left it in the center track. As he was walking across the east track a Sixth Avenue train struck him, cut off his right leg and the knee and injured him internally.

Near the same spot last year a "dead" train which Becker was driving left the tracks and landed in the street. His life was saved because the train became imbedded in a heap of snow.

## Miss Florence Beall to Be Wed To Dr. Mynn Thornton Jr. To-Day



The wedding of Miss Florence Beall, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Bond Beall, to Dr. Mynn Thornton Jr. will take place this afternoon in the home of the bride's mother, No. 777 Madison Avenue. Only relatives will attend the ceremony.

## MONTESSORI SYSTEM EXPERIMENT DROPPED FOR SAVING OF \$40

Teacher Tells How Lack of  
Heat and Supplies Put  
End to Work.

Failure of the Board of Education to support financially an experimental Montessori class in Public School No. 4, the Bronx, authorized by it last year, was made the basis of an attack on the public school administrative system yesterday by Miss Margaret Naumburg, who has resigned as teacher of the class, to Supt. Maxwell.

"The Board of Education under the control of Mr. Churchill has wasted and thrown away hundreds of thousands of dollars in ways that never appear," Miss Naumburg said to a reporter.

"The story of how the board decided to experiment with a Montessori class, authorized it, employed teachers and then let the whole thing go to pieces is only one of many instances. The incident, however, is more than commonly illustrative of the utter inefficiency of the whole public school machinery. For \$40 a year an important experiment, on which \$1,000 had been spent already, could have been continued."

The history of the class, according to Miss Naumburg, was as follows: It was started in the fall of 1915, with one teacher authorized at \$60 a month. This was shared by Miss Naumburg and Miss Claire Raphael.

A porch of the school was inclosed for the small pupils with \$400 obtained from friends. Requests for supplies were not honored by the board, however.

Then the class was moved to Trinity Annex, Washington Avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Street, which the board rented for about \$5,000 a year. In an inclosed porch, fitted up by Miss Naumburg's friends, the experiment continued until the school term closed.

In September the class reopened, with two teachers authorized by the board, but with no means to heat the porch provided, so the class then moved into a cellar gymnasium. Some supplies were obtained from playground material in storage in Brooklyn, but the class lacked even blackboards, according to the teacher. Then, learning after the Christmas holidays that no heat or further supplies could be obtained, Miss Naumburg sent her resignation to George J. Gillespie, Chairman of the Committee on Elementary Schools.

President Churchill said he opposed discontinuing the school.

## MOBBED FOR AUTO KILLING.

Police Save Driver Whose Machine Struck Boy.

Frank Adelsberg, driver of an automobile for Necker's undertaking branch at No. 231 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, was rescued by the police last night when attacked by a mob after his machine had killed Elmer Howard, eight years old, of No. 1029 Gates Avenue. The boy was playing in the street.

The driver says he sounded his horn and tried to turn aside but the boy fell against the auto and his skull was crushed.

Adelsberg was taken to the 10th Avenue Police station, but was released after an investigation.

## TRAVIS CHARGES MISUSE OF POOR FUNDS AT ISLIP

Declares Doctors and Under-  
takers Collect Private Bills  
From Public Treasury.

ALBANY, Feb. 5.—Eugene M. Travis, State Comptroller, announced to-day that examiners from his office had made discoveries of misuse of the fund appropriated for the poor in the town of Islip, Nassau County. A statement issued by the Comptroller said:

"Physicians and undertakers, apparently with a 'pull,' could present long overdue bills against persons who, it is suspected, were not poor and receive pay on the same out of the town funds without any trouble. By this system it is contended that the poor fund has within a few years jumped until at the close of the last fiscal year it amounted to more than \$15,000."

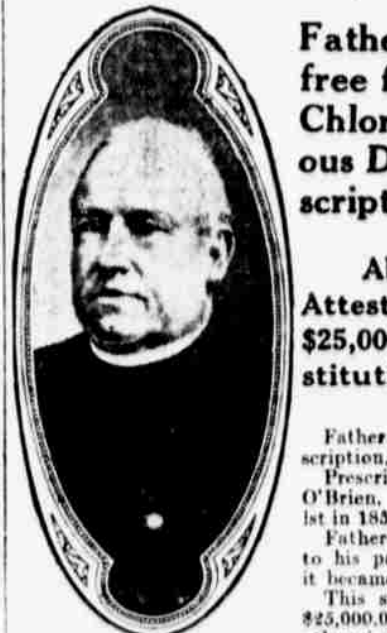
"There is a very strong suspicion that a very large proportion of this sum did not go to deserving poor, but was pulled down by physicians, undertakers and others who had the amounts of the bills, which they could not otherwise collect, paid out of the town funds."

"After examining the accounts for relief furnished it is difficult to escape the conclusion that the administration of relief and the audits of the accounts by the overseers, particularly by Overseer Crum, was attended with needless extravagance."

## eatKraut!

and save money

## OLD FASHIONED FAMILY REMEDY FOR COLDS, GRIP, AND COUGHS



Father John's Medicine is a physician's prescription. Prescribed for the late Rev. Father John O'Brien, of Lowell, Mass., by an eminent specialist in 1885.

Father John recommended this prescription to his parishioners and friends and in this way it became known as Father John's Medicine. This story is true and we guarantee to give \$25,000.00 to any charitable institution, if shown otherwise.

## BRITISH KNEW OF RAIDER BEFORE APPAM'S CAPTURE

The Baltic, in To-Day, Had  
Warning of German War-  
ships in Disguise.

The Baltic of the White Star Line, which arrived to-day from Liverpool, brought the news that the British Admiralty knew for a week previous to the arrival of the Appam as a prize of war at Norfolk that the Germans were scouring the Atlantic with commerce raiders.

Not only did the Government know of the operations of the sea raiders but Capt. Finch, the commander of the Baltic, was warned on Jan. 26, the day the White Star liner left the Mersey, to keep watch for disguised German raiders. A sharp lookout was kept aboard the Baltic from the time she left Liverpool until the lights off Ambrose Channel were sighted.

The fact that German raiders were searching the Atlantic for ally shipping was known to many of the passengers on the Baltic and considerable uneasiness was felt until the shoreline of America was sighted. Capt. Finch, in his orders from the Admiralty, was specifically instructed not to allow any vessel to approach him closer than two miles unless she was properly identified.

During the voyage the news of the Appam's capture reached the Baltic by wireless and increased the feeling of uneasiness. According to the stories of the Baltic's passengers at least two German raiders are at large on the Atlantic. They said that nothing about these raiders had appeared in the English newspapers, the Government seeking to keep the news a secret.

During the passage through the Irish Sea the Baltic went on a zigzag course to avoid possible attack by submarines. Just before she passed out of the danger zone three British torpedo boats were sighted crossing her course.

In the Irish Sea the Baltic came upon a fleet of forty-five British trawlers fishing for submarines. Arranged about fifty feet apart in a semi-circle the submarine trawlers dragged steel nets to ensnare any roving undersea boats. During the Atlantic crossing no vessels were sighted.

## HE HAS STOCK FARM ON ROOF OF BANK

Building Superintendent Raises  
Chickens and Ducks, and Has  
Pig, Goat and Monkey.

George A. Diack, Superintendent of the Mechanics Bank Building, Court and Montague Street, Brooklyn, on the roof of the building has established a stock farm from which he derives his eggs and poultry.

Chickens, ducks, pigeons, turkeys, a goat, pig and monkey comprise the live stock. They are comfortably housed in wooden coops, and apparently undisturbed by the bustle in the streets beneath them.

"This farm has always been a source of amusement to me," Mr. Diack said yesterday. "It was started a few years ago when Teddy Roosevelt was to be initiated into a certain organization. I was a member of the initiating committee and it was my duty to obtain a pig. When we got through with it I brought it up on the roof. I fattened it up good and then sent it to the abattoir."

Mr. Diack also keeps his friends supplied with fresh fowls. His greatest favorite is Peter, a monkey, who has a green back.

"He does everything but talk," Mr. Diack said.

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Father John's Medicine is recommended for coughs, colds, and throat and lung troubles, and to make flesh and strength—safe for all the family to take because it does not contain morphine, opium, chloroform, cocaine or any other dangerous drugs.—Adv.